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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Laurette NACAMULLI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
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Application No.: 09/099,048 ) Examiner: M.E. Ceperley  
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Filed: June 17, 1998 ) Confirmation No.: 4803  
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For: RATE MEASUREMENTS OF )  
BIOMOLECULAR REACTIONS )  
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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT APPLICATION FROM ISSUE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(3), Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. A Notice of Express Abandonment of the present application in favor of the continuation filed herewith is also filed concurrently with this petition. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), please charge the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

This request for a withdrawal from issue is made to allow Applicants to submit for the Examiner's consideration certain information regarding the Examples in the specification that requires clarification. Since Applicants became aware of this

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information as a result of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office after the issue fee was paid, the withdrawal of the present application is necessary in order to enable the Office to consider the clarified information before a patent is granted.

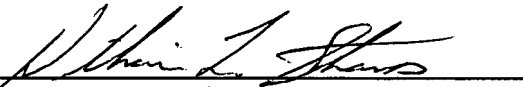
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this application be withdrawn from issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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